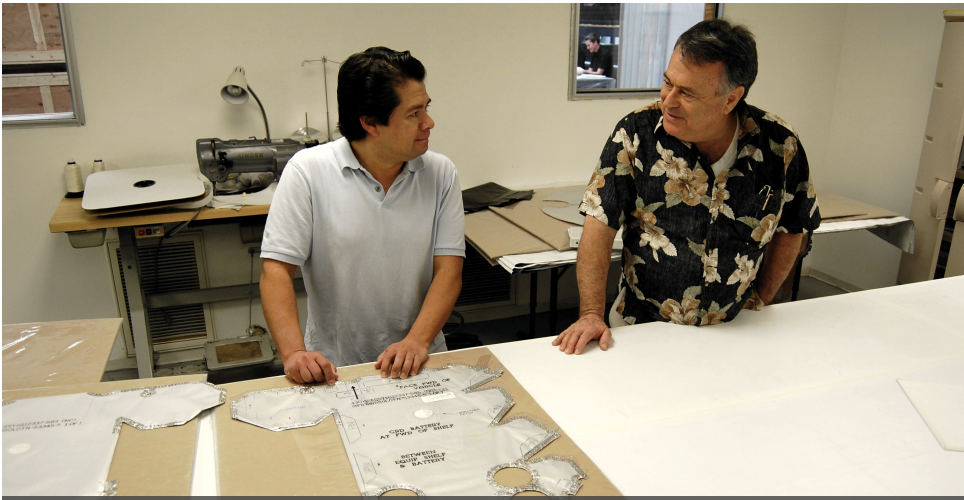


THE RUTHERFORD Report

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A&R Technical Operations Manager Jeovany Trujillo and Vice-President Bud Weisbart examine a fabric pattern for satellite insulation.

You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.

— John Wooden

A&R Tarpaulin: From Highways to Outer Space

In 1976, Ralph Weisbart and his partner, Aundra Arrington, began designing, manufacturing and selling tarps to truckers at a business right off the 101 Freeway in Boyle Heights.

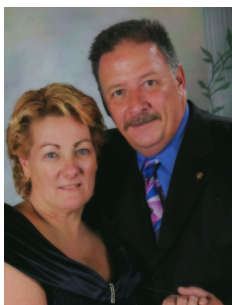
At the time, the two entrepreneurs never dreamed the company they were creating would one day produce products such as hi-tech insulation blankets and electro magnetic interference barriers for space vehicles and satellites, but that's exactly what happened.

"We've come a long way from truck covers," said Bud Weisbart, vice-president of A&R Tarpaulin, which moved to its current location on Valley Boulevard in Fontana in 1988.

Bud and his wife, Carmen, purchased a third of his father and partner's business in 1978 after spending years abroad in the Peace Corps and helping establish a foster parent program in Peru.

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Devore Couple Built Family as Foster Parents



When doctors told Darcee and Wilburt "Bill" Klapp that they could not have their own children, the couple did what many in their situation did at the time. They adopted.

It was the mid-1980s, and infertility treatments like in vitro fertilization were still years from becoming effective means for sterile couples to have kids.

The Klapps adopted two siblings and moved from Pasadena to Devore to escape the hustle and bustle of city life in the

sparsely populated community, which promised "rural living at its finest."

The couple enjoyed their two adopted children so much they decided to get involved as foster parents in San Bernardino County.

"At the time, the foster system was just overloaded with children," Darcee said.

Over the years, the Klapps fostered 42 different children. Some of the children stayed with the family for a few days, others a few months or more, and the Klapps eventually adopted five of them.

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"We had all ages, all ethnicities," Darcee said. "Sometimes we would get a child in the middle of the night. It was nice being able to connect with them and help."

Later on, the Klapps gave up their foster parent roles so they could focus on raising their seven adopted children. The couple became closely involved in their children's education, including working to raise funds for various school improvements.

Darcee continues to volunteer at Kimbark Elementary School in Devore. Later this month, she will serve as the school's "Principal for a Day."

"Any time I need help, I call Darcee, and she or her kids will come to help," Kimark Elementary School Principal Karen Hoag said.

Meanwhile, Bill Klapp serves as a volunteer with the San Bernardino County Fire Department as he has since moving to the community, and the family continues to play a primary role in organizing Devore's annual Christmas parade and potluck dinner.

Darcee said being a foster parent was difficult at times but the experience was well worth the work and heartache.

She has a little advice for others thinking about becoming foster parents.

"If you go in thinking you are going to save the world, it's not going to happen," she said. "If you go in thinking you are going to save one child, you're going to make it."

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After the couple bought into the business, Bud started looking for ways to expand, and he found the answer in Southern California's then-booming aerospace industry.

Soon A&R was designing and manufacturing specialty fabric products for aerospace companies such as McDonnell Douglas, Rockwell, Rocketdyne, TRW, Northrop, Lockheed, General Dynamics and Martin Marietta.

Tarps for trucks continued to be a core part of the business, so the company made the move to Fontana in the late 1980s because of the large number of trucking businesses in the community.

During this time, Bud and Carmen purchased the other two-thirds of the company, becoming sole owners in 1999.

Over the years, A&R branched out with other products, including manufacturing shade structures for businesses and awnings for homes.

"As long as it's a crafted or engineered product that is almost entirely made of fabric, we are interested in it," Bud said.

The key to A&R's success, however, isn't simply diversification.

The company also prides itself on creating a work environment and compensation structure that keeps its skilled employees happy and on the job. In addition to full health insurance, employees are eligible for profit-sharing bonuses twice each year and a pension plan. Line



Fontana Councilman John Roberts, Supervisor Rutherford, and Bud Weisbart speak during a tour of A&R in Fontana.

employees stay with the company an average of 12 years while managers average about 28 years.

"It's just a matter of treating people the way human beings should treat each other," Bud said.

A&R also builds strong and trusting relationships with its customers. If a customer questions why A&R charges more than another vendor, the company will roll out the books and show what factors went into the cost.

And, of course, the company has never forgotten its roots.

"Our mission is to keep truckers on the road so they can feed their families," Bud said.

Traps Help Fight Mosquito-Borne Illness

San Bernardino County Environmental Health Services—a division of Public Health—monitors 19 mosquito traps that are strategically placed in communities from Upland to Needles.

The metal traps attract flying insects with a small light. Once bugs enter the trap, a small fan sucks them into a collection jar.

County Vector Control technicians collect the bugs weekly. They pluck mosquitoes from other flying insects snared by the traps, and then they sort captured mosquitoes in order to determine which species are most prevalent in a certain area.

San Bernardino County is home to several species of mosquitoes. Some species transmit West Nile virus (WNV); others don't. Some like to lay their eggs in places with high organic matter such as ditches; other prefer secluded spots with clean water such as inside old tires.

Knowing the species of mosquitoes caught in the traps allows Vector Control to better target efforts to eliminate breeding sources and control the pest. In addition, County Vector Control regularly tests the blood of sentinel chicken flocks located in spots throughout the County to determine if the birds are producing antibodies for the virus.



A Vector Control technician checks one of 19 mosquito traps used to monitor the pest.

The division also tests dead birds to determine if they were infected with the virus. If you see a bird that has been dead for less than 24 hours, please call (877) 968-2473. Public reports of dead birds and squirrels are helpful to the County's disease surveillance and monitoring efforts.

Information gained through these efforts is used to notify the public about West Nile risks. When conditions are extreme, County Vector Control can use pesticide sprays to kill mosquitoes in targeted areas.

About 80% of the people infected with WNV do not have any symptoms. Those who experience symptoms usually suffer from a fever, rash, and body aches.

A small percentage of WNV victims develop encephalitis—swelling of the brain. Contact your health care provider if you think you may have been infected with WNV.

Remember to drain standing water, wear long sleeve shirts and pants, and use insect repellent with DEET to reduce your risk of WNV infection. For more information, please contact the County of San Bernardino, Mosquito and Vector Control at (909) 388-4600 or visit www.sbcounty.gov/dehs.

2nd District Trivia

Last Issue's Answer: President Lyndon B. Johnson worked as an elevator operator in the Platt Building in downtown San Bernardino in the 1920s.

Question: Which San Bernardino County Supervisor was the first woman in the County and only the second in the state to serve as Chair of the Board?

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Free Tax Assistance

San Bernardino County's Transitional Assistance Department is now offering free tax preparation services for households that earned less than \$49,078 in 2011.

IRS-trained tax preparers will review tax information and file both state and federal returns electronically. Qualified families will be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit, which can net a return of more than \$5,000.

Appointments after 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and Saturday appointments are available. Call (909) 945-0901 for more information.

State of the County

Elected officials and business professionals from throughout San Bernardino County will gather at the Million Air terminal at San Bernardino International Airport on Feb. 29 for the 2012 State of the County.

This year's presentation will focus on the County's efforts to realize the Vision statement that was formed last year following a series of public meetings.

Call Kelly Reenders at (909) 387-4358 for information about the 2012 State of the County.

Upcoming Events

February 3, 2012	Enjoy a blast from the past with your favorite past time activities at the Cypress Center located at 8380 Cypress Ave. in Fontana. This free event will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Call (909) 349-6988 for more information.
February 5, 2012	Main Street Theatre Company presents "Sleeping Beauty: The Time-Traveler" at the Lewis Family Playhouse at 12505 Cultural Center Dr. in Rancho Cucamonga. Contact (909) 477-2760 ext. 2204 for ticket information.
February 6, 2012	The City of Fontana will hold the Area 2 West Community Meeting at 7350 W. Liberty Parkway in Fontana from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call (909) 350-7600 for more information.
February 7, 2012	The Crest Forest Senior Citizens Club will host a lunch for seniors at noon at the Leisure Shores Community Center located at 24658 San Moritz Dr. in Crestline. This event is held every Tuesday at the same time and place.
February 11, 2012	San Bernardino County Regional Parks will host a Valentine's Day dance at 6 p.m. at the San Moritz Lodge located at 24640 San Moritz Dr. in Crestline. Tickets costs \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Call (909) 387-2461 for information.
February 13, 2012	The City of Upland will host "Teen: Paper Poises" at Carnegie Cultural Center, 123 D St. in Upland from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information, please contact the Youth Services Desk at (909) 931-4213.
February 14, 2012	Be serenaded on Valentine's Day by Margaret Klemm outdoors in the courtyard of the Lewis Library. The City of Fontana will host Romantic Harp Music Performance from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 8437 Sierra Ave. in Fontana. For more information call (909) 349-6978
February 16, 2012	The Biane Library in Rancho Cucamonga will host a traveling exhibition "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," from through Feb. 17 at 12505 Cultural Center Dr. in Rancho Cucamonga. Contact the Children's Desk at (909) 477-2720 ext. 5075 for more information.
February 18, 2012	The City of Upland will host "Motivation: How to make significant changes without giving up" from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Library, Multi-Purpose Room. Call (909) 931-4205 to pre-register for this workshop.
February 20, 2012	The Crestine Chamber of Commerce will host Mountains Singles Bowling Night at Rim Bowling & Entertainment located at 23997 Lake Dr. in Crestline from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call (909) 338-2706 for more information.
February 25, 2012	The City of Upland will host "Upstanding Uplanders" —a look back at history and a remembrance of influential women of Upland. This event will be from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Upland Public Library. Call (909) 931-4205 for more information.
February 27, 2012	The Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department will hold a Fire Safe Council Meeting at 2840 East Ave. from 7 to 9 p.m. Call (909) 477-2770 for more information.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford's office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford's home page at www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford.